The local traffic and weather is a vital part of xm. As an over the roadtruck driver this service is a vital part of my trip planning. Also I can check traffic enroute and make route changes as needed. I can check conditions long before I can pick up the local stations on my am/fm radio. With all the fiberglass on trucks today the grounding is poor and I have very poor radio reception and that is why I purchased xm. In todays society we want to level the playing field by bringing everything to the lowest common denominator. we need to start bringing everything else up to the higher standard. xm is setting the pace and we need to keep the high standards they are setting. Maybe if local radio stations came up to the same high standards they wouldn't be in the fix that they ar in. I am surprised that this subject is an issue. Please let xm continue to set the pace.